

Free School Meals

Many families in Sandwell could get free school meals but don't claim for them.

Free School Meals current value:

£390 for 1 child

£780 for 2 children

£1,170 for 3 children

£1,560 for 4 children

Are you eligible?

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if:

- Your annual income is less than £16,190
- You claim Child Tax Credit (* Not including Working Tax Credit) only; and
- Your child is attending a Sandwell School (if your child(ren) doesn't attend a Sandwell School, you will need to apply to the Local Authority which your child(ren) school is in)

*Please note you will not qualify for free school meals if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit. Before applying please check your latest Tax Credit Awards Notice if you are unsure. For further information, please call our Education Benefits team on 0121 569 8186 or 0121 569 8189.

Your child may also qualify for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Income Support
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (including Child Tax Credit)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service
- Universal Credit **if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (after tax and not including any benefits you get). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

**Universal Credit will be rolled out in Sandwell from November 2018. For further information on Universal Credit please read [Get Ready for Universal Credit](#) page.

Please note that if your child is eligible or becomes eligible for free school meals at any time before 31 March 2022, they will remain eligible until this date or beyond dependent on what school phase they are in. You will not need to apply for Free School Meals again if you are already eligible at a Sandwell School.

[How to apply for Free School Meals](#)

The easiest way to apply for Free School Meals is online, just click on the button on the Sandwell Council website:

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200151/education_benefits/2176/free_school_meals

Or you can download and complete the free school meals application form and return it to the address on the form or return to school.

Every completed form will be entered into prize draw and the winner will receive a prize! Please return your form to the school office.

Please note that your child may also be eligible for Pupil Premium payments to school, please see overleaf.

Pupil Premium

What is Pupil Premium funding?

The Secretary of State for Education lays down the following terms and conditions on which assistance is given in relation to the pupil premium grant (PPG) payable to school for each financial year:

- Raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities to reach their potential
 - Supporting the children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces
- Pupil Premium provides funding for pupils in the following categories:
- Who have been in receipt of free school meals (FSM) since the age of 4 in year groups Reception to Year 6 (£1320 per child)
 - Who have been in receipt of free school meals (FSM) at any point in the past 6 years (£935 per child)
 - Who have been continuously looked after for the past 6 months (£1900 per child)
 - Who are adopted from care under Adoption and Children Act 2002 or who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order (Post LAC) (£1900 per child)

If your child has ever been in care or been adopted, it is also very important that you inform the school office.

- Those children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces or were eligible for funding in the last 4 years (Ever 4 Service Child) (£300 per child)

Here at Causeway Green Primary School we use pupil premium to provide the following clubs:

Sports Clubs, Homework Club, Holiday Club, Drama Club, Breakfast / After School Club, Lending Library & extra interventions in classes.

It is really important that families entitled to pupil premium ensure they have completed the relevant forms available from the school office.

Even though children in the first 3 years of school are now entitled to a free school meal each day, families who meet the criteria for free school meals (income related) can ensure the school receives a pupil premium grant which provides contributions to cover the cost of school trips and activities and provide other interventions in school.

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Thank you.